

WINTER 2016



VACVPR

Virginia Association of CardioVascular & Pulmonary Rehabilitation

SAVE THE DATE
VACVPR Annual Conference
April 30-May 1, 2016
Crowne Plaza
Hampton-Marina
700 Settlers Landing Rd.
Hampton, VA 23669
[Reserve your room now!](#)
Or Call 866-375-6054

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29th Annual VACVPR Conference:

April 30th, 2016-May 1, 2016.

Crowne Plaza Hampton- Marina Hotel!

Room discounts of \$105 per night are available, but will go fast, so reserve early!!

Reservations: Call 1-866-375-6050 and use the booking code: "VAA" All reservations must be made before April 8, 2016 to receive this discounted rate.

CCRP Exam: We will offer the CCRP exam again this year on April 29th the day before our conference: April 29,2016. The hotel will honor this discounted rate if you would like to arrive early to take this exam!

AACVPR will honor the pricing of \$299 for AACVPR members and \$359 for non-members for all candidates who take the exam at the VACVPR Conference on April 29, 2016! Applications for the exam will accepted through **the AACVPR website** beginning on December16th, 2015. **You must apply for the exam by the stated deadlines on the AACVPR website in order to sit for the exam.**

Visit the CCRP Homepage at www.aacvpr.org/CCRP to download the Candidate Handbook, free of charge, to learn more about the exam content, eligibility requirements, and policies. The CCRP Homepage also contains information on exam statistics as well as other important policies.

Submitted by: Donna Gagnon, RN BSN President- Elect VACVPR

REGIONAL WORKSHOPS:

TAMMY DUNCAN RN VP VACVPR

Saturday Feb 20, 2016 8am-12:30pm

Johnston Memorial Hospital Abingdon, VA

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Saturday, March 12, 2016: 8am-12:30pm

Heart & Vascular Institute

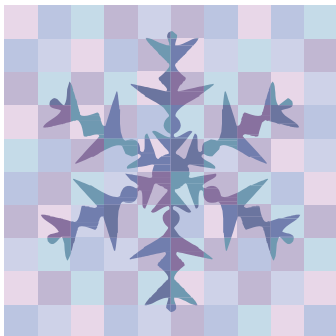
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Advocate for Your Profession at Day on the Hill 2016

Join us **March 23-24, 2016** for AACVPR Day on the Hill to meet with your state legislators and advocate for your profession.

Our U.S. Congress makes many decisions on numerous issues every day. One of those issues is health care. It is our professional responsibility to educate decision-makers on the services we provide, the evidence those services are built upon, and what is most clinically beneficial for our patients. Otherwise, cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation will remain the best kept secrets in secondary prevention.

In 2016, AACVPR is again partnering with the American College of Cardiology and American Heart Association and other professional societies to obtain passage of legislative language. The efforts of many came close as Congress ends the first Session of the 114th U.S. Congress. To date, S.488 has 19 cosponsors and HR 3355 has 15 cosponsors. If we can re-gain this momentum in the second session of the 114th Congress, we are highly confident we can get this passed. CMS (Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services) needs this correction in order to allow cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation services the flexibility to utilize non-physician practitioners for the CMS physician supervision requirement (this issue has nothing to do with the medical director requirements for oversight and direction of cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation). This operational flexibility will continue to gain importance as programs seek more cost-efficient ways to deliver CR and PR services to increasing numbers of eligible, referred patients.

Day on the Hill gives AACVPR members an opportunity to meet with their legislators and legislative staffs as constituents, as voters and healthcare professionals. Registration will open in January 2016!

SUBMITTED BY MARY DAVIS RN

Vendor Report

Happy New Years!

I have continued to work diligently to get vendors for our 2016 meeting. At this time, we have \$3500.00 secured for sponsorship! Sentara Heart Hospital, ScottCare and LSI are our confirmed vendors to date. This is great, but I really want to double that amount!!! We have 4 full months to achieve this goal!! If you have a favorite vendor that may be interested in sponsoring our organization and attending our meeting, please feel free to give them my contact information! If you would like to contact them and secure the funds, I would appreciate any assistance and will be happy to share the 2016 Vendor form with you!

Respectfully submitted,

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JACKIE BUNN

ABOVE AND BEYOND

AWARD



Compassion

Dedication

Creativity

Thinks out of the Box

Doesn't take NO for an answer

Look around you. Surely you know someone who fits these descriptive words. The time has come to call for nominations for the upcoming annual 2015 VACVPR Jackie Bunn Above and Beyond Award. This award is presented to a member of the VACVPR who demonstrates a desire to make a difference in their cardiopulmonary program. A person that has new ideas for services for their program, patients, or coworkers. A member who takes their profession to the next level by enlightening fellow healthcare workers and/or the community to the benefits of cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation. Someone that gets off the bench and plays hard every day. Do you know someone like that? Someone that deserves to be recognized for their commitment? The nominee will receive a VACVPR membership for the upcoming year and the registration for the annual VACVPR conference at no charge. The nominee must be an active VACVPR member and cannot be a member of the VACVPR Board. The nomination may be made by directors, supervisors, managers, coworkers, or patients. Look around you. Then send us a name by January 15 2016. Send to MRD8S@virginia.edu Thanks so much, Mary R. Davis

Membership Report

We currently have 107 active members. Great job keeping up with your professional membership. Don't forget the benefits of being a member and take advantage of the Regional Workshops and website.

Thank you! Debbie Wilkinson RN Member Chair

Poster Research Presentations at the Annual VACVPR Conference:

Take advantage of an opportunity to share research or a clinical aspect of your program. For each approved poster presentation one person will receive a free registration to the conference!!! Deadline for submissions is March 11, 2016. Email Mary Ellen Priddy at mary.priddy@rivhs.com or Amy Horsley at amy.horsley@rivhs.com for any questions or to submit your presentation!!!!

THE ROBIN CUFFE SCHOLARSHIP



Do you remember your first professional educational experience, getting the latest up-to-date information, meeting new colleagues, participating in networking, learning new tools of the trade to share with your coworkers? Robin Cuffe was instrumental in helping to build the foundation of VACVPR. I met Robin years ago when I first joined VACVPR. Her passion for the organization, both state and national, lit a spark for me and for so many others. Her dedication and commitment was extraordinary. Her husband wanted to honor Robin's legacy by providing financial opportunity for someone to attend the state conference who may otherwise not be able to come.

Think of someone who has not been able to attend the conference in some time, or at all. A nominee could also be someone new to the field of CR/PR and encouraged to be more involved in their practice. Fresh ideas can only enhance our organization's possibilities. Sometimes budget cuts leave folks behind. The deserving individual would be awarded a VACVPR membership and conference registration.

Send your nomination by January 15, 2016 to MRD8S@virginia.edu

Thank You, Mary Davis RN